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MEDIA BUREAU IMPLEMENTS MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING OF FCC REPORTS 323 AND 323-E

By this Public Notice the Media Bureau announces mandatory electronic filing for the following FCC Reports:

- **FCC 323**, Ownership Report for Commercial Broadcast Station
- **FCC 323-E**, Ownership Report for Noncommercial Educational Broadcast Station

Mandatory electronic filing will commence on July 1, 2002. Paper versions of these report forms will not be accepted for filing after June 28, 2002 unless accompanied by an appropriate request for waiver of the electronic filing requirement. Users can access the electronic filing system *via* the Internet from the Media Bureau's Web Site at:

<http://www.fcc.gov/mb>

Pursuant to the *1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Streamlining of Mass Media Applications, Rules and Processes*, 13 FCC Rcd 23056 (1998) (*Streamlining Order*), mandatory electronic filing was to commence six-months after a given form was made available for electronic use. By Public Notices released September 1, 2000, the Mass Media Bureau made available for electronic use FCC Reports 323 and 323-E.

In the *Streamlining Order*, which announced the Commission's electronic filing requirement, the Commission recognized the need for limited waivers of this requirement in light of the "burden that electronic filing could place upon some licensees who are seeking to serve the public interest, with limited resources, and succeed in a highly competitive local environment." 13 FCC Rcd at 23061. However, such waivers will not be routinely granted and the applicant must plead with particularity the facts and circumstances warranting relief.

Instructions for use of the electronic filing system are available in the CDBS User's Guide which can be accessed from the electronic filing web site. Special attention should be given to the details of the applicant account registration function, form filing function, and the fee form

handling procedures, if a fee is required. Failure to follow the procedures in the User's Guide may result in an application or report form being dismissed, returned, or not considered as officially filed.

Internet access to the CDBS public access system at the Commission's Web Site requires a user to have a browser such as Netscape version 3.04 or Internet Explorer version 3.51, or later.

For technical assistance in running the system or to report technical problems with the system, please contact the CDBS Help Desk at (202) 418-2662. To request additional information concerning FCC Reports 323 or 323-E, please call (202) 418-1626 or 418-1627.

By: Chief, Media Bureau

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